

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State college educators who have admirably helped prepare each generation of students for the challenges and labors which lie ahead for them as societal leaders; and

Whereas, Charles D. Cowger, MSW, PhD, has attained distinction as a Professor and as Director of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Social Work, positions which he will draw to a close on May 15, 2003, in retirement after five years of service; and

Whereas, Dr. Charles Cowger provided the School of Social Work with the leadership and expertise needed to help the School achieve national stature, implement a Doctor of Philosophy degree program, recruit talented new tenure-track faculty members, increase the depth and scope of the Master of Social Work program, and boost external funding; and

Whereas, Dr. Cowger prepared for his educational endeavors by studiously applying himself to a course of study which led to his receipt of a Bachelor of Arts degree from Doane College, Master of Theology degree from Chicago Theological Seminary, Master of Arts degree from the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the School of Social Work at the University of Illinois; and

Whereas, author of numerous professional articles and texts, Dr. Cowger was a faculty member of George Williams College from 1968 to 1971 and at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign from 1974 to 1997, and garnered practical experience down through the years in such areas as street gang work, community mental health youth outreach, and settlement house administration; and

Whereas, Dr. Cowger is President of Inter-University Consortium for International Social Development and a Fellow in the MU Center for Family Policy and Research:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar leadership, impressive career, and outstanding achievements of Dr. Charles Cowger and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Charles D. Cowger, MSW, PhD.

Offered by _____
Representative Vicky Riback Wilson
District No. 25

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2809, adopted May 3, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker